

BRAVE ACTS.

Quickness in Time of Danger Has Often Saved the Lives of Many Persons.

On Jubilee day, which commemorated the discovery of gold in California in 1849, a squad of battery I, of the regular army, near San Francisco, says the Youth's Companion. One load—the charge was 50 pounds of powder enclosed in a wooden bag—did not go off, and the officer in command ordered it to be pulled out of the canon.

The charge was withdrawn, and, as it dropped to the ground, it was seen that one corner of the wooden bag was on fire. In an instant the powder would have caught and the seven men with their officer would have been killed. Private John M. Jones jumped toward the smoldering bag, rolled it in the mud and, with his bare hands, plastered the singed edges with damp earth.

It was a quick, brave deed, and had the hero been a British soldier it would have brought him a Victoria cross to wear on his breast.

During the Sepoy war a young captain of artillery saw an ignited shell fall near his battery. Instantly he lifted it up, carried it a distance, and flung it away. Just then it burst, shattering his left forearm.

In the Crimean war, Capt. Peel, of the royal navy and son of the former prime minister, Sir Robert Peel, commanded a vessel before Sebastopol. One day a large shell, its fuse burning, fell into the battery near where Peel was standing. Picking it up, he carried it to the rampart and tossed it over. It exploded before it reached the ground.

PATRIOTISM AT WEDDINGS.

Now is the Time When Invited Guests Can Show Their Love of Country in Their Gifts.

With the advent of the Spanish war patriotic weddings came into vogue. Likewise patriotic presents were also considered stylish. No bride is thoroughly in the fashion these days, says the Chicago Chronicle, unless a large proportion of the gifts that come to her have reference in their design and colors to the war and the United States. Favorite wedding presents of this sort are flag picture frames, which may be found in great variety. These have flags painted on a background of white enamel, or the frames themselves are made of flags of silk draped on a foundation of wood and covered with glass. Wedding gift novelties such as these are unending, and they are the rage of the hour to send to a coming bride. There has been already at least one patriotic wedding of importance. At this star gift was a pin that was said to have cost \$500. It had three stones—a ruby, turquoise and a diamond—as close to a design of red, white and blue as can be produced in jewels. When made this ring was unique, but the design has since been widely copied. Another present that came to this bride of the patriotic wedding was a dinner set of white china, each piece of which was adorned with hand-painted American flags. Yet another set of gifts were lamps of red, white and blue, with shades of the same colors decoratively made.

AN OYSTER'S AGE.

It May Readily Be Determined by Measuring the Size of the Shell.

It is just as easy to tell the age of an oyster by looking at its shell as it is to ascertain the age of a horse by examining its teeth or a tree by inspecting the circles revealed by the ax or saw when it is laid low. When the oyster is six months old it is as big as a dime; when one year old it will cover a silver half dollar, and when two years old will be about the circumference of a silver dollar, says Pearson's Weekly. The oyster, unlike the crab, is not obliged to seek new quarters or build a new house every time he grows appreciably. The extensions that he puts on to his house are clearly marked by a well-defined ridge.

Oysters are esteemed to be at their best when between four and five years of age, and the planters endeavor to protect the beds for that length of time. Conscientious oystermen—that is, men who are not inclined to kill the goose that lays the golden egg—always return to the bed oysters that are too young, but in case a patriarch is brought up, over whose shell the tides of from eight to twelve winters and summers have ebbed and flowed, he is sent to market, where he is put at the bottom of the heap and sold with his younger and more luscious companions.

Wants to Increase Its Population.

Bulgaria is going to take effective means to increase its population. For every son born beyond a minimum number 20 francs will be paid not only to the father, but to the mother also. A soldier showing a dozen sons will receive a pension large enough to support him and besides a decoration. The same reward will go to his wife.

Machine-Made Pottery.

A machine for the manufacture of pottery has recently been invented which does the work of several men at half the cost. It can turn out 16 flower pots per minute, against the one produced in the same time by the old process, and it is also used for the manufacture of cups, saucers and jam jars.

War Tax in Spain.

Spain is so much in need of funds that any person entering her limits wearing gloves or boots nearly new, must pay a tax on them. This rule also applies to a hat or necktie which seems new.

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